

Earn miles wherever you see this sign:



ASK about earning bonus and double miles for participating in activities with the following agencies:

Army Community Service

Family Advocacy (ACS)

Chaplain Services

Red Cross

MWR Sports & Fitness

MWR DCA Events

Community Health Nursing

Library

Health Promotion

Outdoor Recreation

Youth Sports

Family Readiness Groups

New Parent Support Program

AAFES

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WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION WALK 4 FREEDOM?

The program is based on the 10,000 steps a day to better health concept. There are several significant benefits to you by increasing your level of physical fitness

Health Benefits include

- Stress management
- Positive Attitude
- Decrease risk factors associated with preventable diseases (heart disease, stroke)

Increase Work Performance

Decrease chance of illness or injury as a result of regular exercise

Get a free fitness assessment

Great Incentives

- Pedometers
- T-shirts
- Medals and Certificates
- Water bottles
- Community recognition and more!

Get involved in your FRG

Make friends

Support the Troops

Challenge yourself

You could be famous (at least on post)

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V CORPS & 26TH ASG



A one-year wellness initiative for everyone in the 26th ASG military communities in support of V Corps and deploying units



Operation Walk 4 Freedom

Program Basics

WALK 4 FREEDOM is a community wellness initiative established to foster support for everyone affected by the deployment. Its implementation and maintenance is a collaborative effort of V Corps and the 26th ASG.

The **objective** is to accumulate enough miles to equal the distance to Iraq, or wherever your loved ones or friends may be deployed, through walking and other activities.

WALK 4 FREEDOM enhances the physical, spiritual and emotional health of community members during the deployment. It emphasizes the benefits of a more active lifestyle, creates a spiritual connection with those deployed, and increases overall community connectedness.



The journey from Germany to Iraq is approximately 2,000 miles.

Participants can register as individuals, families, Family Readiness Groups, or other groups. Registration for the program begins 27 August at the CARE Fair (1000-1400 at the Village Pavilion.)

All community members can participate and make full use of the many community resources offered by MWR and others. This is a great program for family and group participation; all ages can work toward the goal and earn miles. Every effort toward the goal will contribute to improved health.

Your questions answered.....

What do I have to do? Accumulate the miles between Germany and Iraq; approximately 2,000 one way and 4,000 round trip. You can wear a pedometer and log every step you take each day. 10,000 steps a day are recommended for basic health, which equals approximately 6 miles.



How do I get started? Register at the Heidelberg CARE FAIR (VP-27 AUG), Mannheim CIF (5th Sig-6 SEP), Heidelberg Volksmarch (10-11 SEP), Darmstadt

Community Update (CFK-13 SEP), Heidelberg Community Update (VP-14 SEP), any of the Civilian Fitness Assessment dates, or send an email to the 26th ASG Health Promotion Office for other dates and options, or more info.

When can I start logging miles?

You can begin to log your miles on 1 October 2005. Miles are accumulated between 1 October 2005 and 31 Oct 2006.

Do physical activities other than walking count toward mileage? Yes! For activities like running or biking, you can log the actual miles. For activity such as: weightlifting, aerobics, tennis, karate, and soccer, you earn 1 mile for every 15 minutes of sustained activity.

Can I get miles for participating in any other activities? Yes. You can earn 1 mile for every 15 minutes of participation in activities geared to improving and protecting your physical, emotional, or spiritual health. For example 4 miles can be earned for each hour of chapel attendance or 4 miles for one hour of participation in a stress management or parenting class.

And, *earn double miles* for participation in community fitness activities (Run/Walks), Volksmarches and other community sponsored events, and bonus miles for others. You'll receive emails notifying you of these events.

How do I keep track of my accumulated mileage? Participants will receive a mileage log and record their mileage



Keep your loved ones informed of your progress.

daily. For class participation, each agency will stamp the "special" section in the back of your log book. It is recommended that participants total their miles monthly and attend WALK 4

FREEDOM validation events.

What if I won't be here for the entire year? You can still participate. Interim prizes are awarded throughout the year.

How do I get a free pedometer?

They will be given to participants who chose to complete an the optional fitness assessment. Participants in this group will be monitored for the entire program and will be assisted with goal setting, fitness and exercise plans. These will be conducted in conjunction with the Civilian Fitness Assessments. Watch for dates or ask the Health Promotion Office.

Who can I contact if I still have questions?

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